

### REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 21-26 are presented for consideration by the Examiner. Applicants note with appreciation the indication in the Office Action mailed May 4, 2005, that claims 5, 6, 8, 11, 13, 20, and 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the subject matter of the base claim and any intervening claims. The allowable subject matter of claim 20 has been incorporated into independent claim 1. Similarly, the allowable subject matter of claim 27 has been incorporated into independent claim 26. Allowable claims 5, 11, and 13 have been rewritten in independent form including all the subject matter of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 20 and 27-30 have been canceled herein, such that all of the remaining claims include subject matter indicated to be allowable in the Office Action, and every ground of rejection has been addressed. Accordingly, claims 1-19 and 21-26 are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance. The amendments are made herein without prejudice to any future submission of the original claims in a subsequent application.

### CONCLUSION AND AUTHORIZATION OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

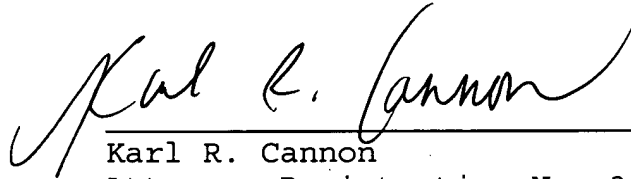
In view of the foregoing, applicants believe that claims 1-19 and 21-26 are all allowable and the same is respectfully requested. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims

remains after entry of this Amendment, and such impediment could be alleviated during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to initiate the same.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

DATED this 4 day of August, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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